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The following is a Q-S-T. Two important youth awards are made and one Georgia ham shares in both of them. Find out who on Amateur Radio Newsline report number 1406 coming your way right now.

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ANDREA HARTLAGE, KG4IUM, NAMED ARNEWSLINE(TM) YOUNG HAM OF THE YEAR

Andrea Hartlage, KG4IUM, has been named 2004 Young Ham of the Year by the Amateur Radio Newsline. And since this is a story about the success of the younger members of the hobby we asked our 2002 Young Ham of the Year, Josh Abramowicz, KB3GWY, to bring us the rest. Josh:

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It was only a few years ago that I got a call at the Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, telling me to call someone from Amateur Radio Newsline. It was during that phone call, that started out as an interview, I learned of my nomination and selection as the Young Ham of the Year.

Andrea, it turned out, was with her grandparents on vacation in Florida at the time she got the call on a cell phone from Amateur Radio Newsline's Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF. Here's her first reaction after getting the news:

"I'm very happy and excited."

Andrea, who earned her Extra Class license at the age of 14 - less than a year ago , was first licensed in 2000. She's 15 years old and going into her sophomore year at Grayson High School in Grayson, Georgia, north and east of Atlanta, where she's an honor student.

Andrea has been quite active since getting her ticket just four years ago.

"I do a lot of public service with parades and different types of

marathons and things like that," she says. "I write the youth column for ARRL website. The Youth@HamRadio.Fun column. I'm assistant section manager for youth of the Georgia section and I'm a member of several local radio clubs."

Andrea is proud of her ham radio activity and is promoting the Amateur Radio service among youth.

"I spoke briefly at the Youth Forum in Dayton and I also led a Youth Forum at the hamfest, the local Rockville hamfest, and I also helped put hamfests on with the Alford Memorial Radio Club," she says.

She's also part of the ARRL's Big School Project and serves as a leader and teacher at the Richards Middle School Amateur Radio Club. There, she teaches electronic theory and has come up with a series of fun games to help reinforce the lessons.

So how did Andrea get started in Amateur Radio? She credits her father with kindling her interest.

"My dad interested me, he introduced it to me, Scott Hartlage, KF4PWI and he introduced me to Amateur Radio - I guess it was four years ago," she says. "I just sort of got interested in the public service side and I also serve as net control and I enjoy doing that and all the other things."

Andrea says Amateur Radio and all the opportunities it has given her, also has opened her eyes to some career possibilities.

"I'm possibly thinking about some kind of journalism and writing these (ARRL) columns helps me develop writing skills," she says. "And, I'm also thinking about some type of communication field that I really enjoy, like, for example, serving as net control and learning how to communicate effectively."

Andrea has made quite an impression on hundreds and hundreds of people already. You can bet it won't be the last time we'll hear from her, now and in the future.

>From the 2002 award winner - Congratulations, Andrea, the 2004 Young Ham of the Year.

For Amateur Radio Newsline, I'm Josh Abramowicz, KB3GWY.

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Andrea Hartlage, KG4IUM, will get her award at a special ceremony on Saturday, August 21st at the Huntsville Hamfest. In addition to a plaque from Amateur Radio Newsline Andrea will receive a gift of Yaesu brand ham radio gear from Vertex Standard and a week at Spacecamp courtesy of CQ Magazine. Vertex Standard and CQ are both major corporate underwriters of the Young Ham of the Year Award program. (ARNewsline (tm))

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ANDREA HARTLAGE, KG4IUM AND JAY THOMPSON, W6JAY, NAMED TO RECEIVE HIRAM PERCY MAXIM AWARD

At almost the same time that Andrea Hartlage was getting word that she had been named as Amateur Radio Newsline's Young Ham of the Year
she was also hearing good news from the American Radio Relay League. So was our 2003 Young Ham of the Year Jay Thompson, W6JAY.
Here's
Amy Abramowicz, KB3IJW, with more:

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Both Andrea and Jay learned the ARRL's board of directors had selected them to receive the coveted Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Award.

The ARRL board was so impressed by the nominations for each that they decided to give both of them the award. That means a cash prize of $1,500 each and a special plaque.

Amateur Radio Newsline spoke with ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP. He says there's no doubt Andrea and Jay are the brightest stars among the young hams today.

"Both are just absolutely stellar examples of Amateur Radio and the young crowd that we're trying to encourage at the League," Haynie says. "You couldn't pick anybody any better than these two. And, I'm just amazed at their accomplishments and how they've managed to be so professional in all the things they've done.

"I've read some of their papers and when we chose them as the HPM award winners, what they had accomplished in their brief careers as amateur radio operators. The only thing I would say to young people is use these two people as examples because they are the best. They are the best of the best. And, speaking as president of the League, I

congratulate them both and I admire them both because of what they've managed to do."

Mister Haynie also tells us the 1997 Amateur Radio Newsline Young Ham of the Year, Brian Mileshosky, N5ZGT, is in the same class. Brian was the 1999 Hiram Percy Maxim Award winner. He's now 24, married, heading to grad school in the fall, and still very active in Amateur Radio activities in New Mexico.

"All his work in Scouting and DFing and things of this nature that are the epitomy of Amateur Radio again for young people," Haynie says. "When I first met Brian, I was just blown away by his professionalism and how he handled himself as a young amateur. These three young individuals I think set the example and set the standard which we would like to see Amateur Radio go toward."

Mister Haynie says now that the Hiram Percy Maxim selections have been made for 2004, it's soon time to begin identifying candidates for 2005. You can find out more about the award, the qualifications, and the nominating process at www.ARRL.org.

To learn more about Andrea and Jay's accomplishments, you can also check out our website at www.arnewsline.org

For Amateur Radio Newsline, I'm Amy Abramowicz, KB3IJW.

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We know that all of you join us in congratulating Andrea Hartlage, KG4IUM and Jay Thompson, W6JAY, on being selected top receive these very special awards. (ARRL S.W. Division Newsletter, ARNewsline (tm))

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Break 1

More in a moment. Right now its time for you to identify your station. Tom Warrenbuerg if you please: "From the United States
of
America, this is the Amateur Radio Newsline, heard on bulletin stayations around the world, including the KA9EKG repeaster serving Delavan, Wisconsin."

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HAM RADIO POLITICS: ARRL BARD MEETING

The naming of Andrea Hartlage, KG4IUM, and Jay Thompson, W6JAY, as winners of the Hirum Percy Maxim Award was only one of many decisions made at the recent meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors. Many of the Boards actions will impact on all of ham radio for years to come. Here's another Abramovich clan -- Mark Abramovich, NT3V, with
that part of the story.

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In an historic step, the ARRL's board approved the launch of a grassroots lobbying campaign designed to raise awareness among legislators and government agencies about the Amateur Radio service.

ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, says there was careful deliberation before the board decided to launch the campaign.

"With all the things we have going on right now, such as BPL, our CC&R bill, our Spectrum Protection Act and even the restructuring program that we have it's time to raise our level of visibility," Haynie says.

Haynie says the ARRL board put the directors in charge of appointing volunteers to staff three positions in each division to work as Congressional Action chair, coordinator and assistant.

He says the chair would be someone who has had some experience in lobbying. A coordinator, with the blessing of section managers, would be selected for each state to work with the chair. And, he says, that coordinator would seek assistants to help spread the ARRL's message to congressmen and senators.

"This is a very orchestrated effort and I'm happy to see it happen," Haynie says. "It's something that's been needed to be done for a very, very long time. And it's a good thing, Mark. It really is. It's something we should have done years ago, actually."

Haynie says recent pronouncements by the FCC's chairman clearly pose a threat to the Amateur Radio service.

"I heard Michael Powell say at the NAB (National Association of Broadcasters) conference in Las Vegas this year that everything was on the table," Haynie says.

"All frequencies were on the table for various types of services. "So, Amateur Radio has got to get in there and make sure that it's voice is heard and its importance of the communities that they serve and the people that like to do volunteer work."

Haynie says the league will also ask members to get more active in contacting their representatives in the U.S. House and U.S. Senate to express their views or simply introduce them to the value of the Amateur Radio service in their communities.

"And I'm not asking the league members to do too much, actually, but sit down and write their representatives," Haynie says. "And you don't have to complain about anything. Just tell them about Amateur Radio. Tell them how much it's meant to you and your life and how it may have shaped it or changed it.

"I've said for years some of the finest people I ever met have been through ham radio. But there's many hams out there that have whole careers based on it. And this is too important not to bring the level of visibility to a higher plain."

In other board business, Haynie says there was considerable discussion of Broadband over Power Line internet access and the pending FCC action. Haynie says the board was encouraged that the Alliant Energy BPL trial in Cedar Rapids, Iowa was terminated early because of interference complaints.

He says that move sent a message to other electric utilities exploring BPL.

"It's several dozen utilities now that have looked at BPL and said that it's not something they want to get involved with," Haynie says. "And our message is not economic because they can figure that out for themselves. Our message is the fact that under Part 15, there are certain rules that have to be abided by and we want to make sure that they do that."

Haynie emphasizes the league's position on BPL is clear and consistent and can't be perceived as denying people access to technology.

"We're not against people having broadband access, we're really not,"

Haynie says. "It's the fact that the interference that this particular technology would bring to the HF bands is going to be a real problem and we've got to hold people's feet to the fire when they say that they're going to mitigate interference. That goes from the White House all the way down."

Finally, Haynie says he is growing cautiously optimistic about the BPL fight and the impact the ARRL's position is having on the industry and some in government agencies.

"I think that our message is beginning to get out, and, like I say, we're not confrontational" Haynie says. "We're just trying to say look at the facts, look at the engineering studies, look at the NTIA studies and draw your own conclusions. If you've got engineers on your staff, they're quite clear."

For the Amateur Radio Newsline, I'm Mark Abramowicz, NT3V, in Philadelphia.

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A more in-depth report on the actions of the ARRL Board will appear in an upcoming issue of QST Magazine. (ARNewsline (tm))

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RADIO RULES: VANITY CALL SIGN FEEE GOING UP

The FCC regulatory fee to obtain an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will rise from $16.30 to $20.80 later this year. According to the ARRL Letter, the FCC announced the new fee in a Report and Order in MD Docket 04-73. Thats also known as the "Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2004" and the FCC says it anticipates 7800 applications for that time frame. The FCC expects revenue collected from the vanity call sign regulatory fees in Fiscal Year 2004 to rise by more than $2100. The Report and Order becomes effective 30 days after it's published in The Federal Register. (ARRL)

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ENFORCEMENT: CBS SAYS IT WILL NOT ACCEPT SUPER BOWL INCIDENT FINE

CBS says that it will fight any fines leveled against its television stations over Janet Jackson's startling Super Bowl performance.

This, according to a top executive with parent company Viacom Inc. on July 19th.

An FCC staff recommendation did not call for fining CBS affiliates that aired the Super Bowl halftime show but are not owned by Viacom. But CBS itself could face a fine of $550,000 or of $27,500 for each of its 20 owned and operated stations that asired the so called Janet Jackson wardrobe malfunction.

Now, in a recent talk before the Television Critics Association, Viacom co-president and co-chief operating officer Leslie Moonves criticiszed any fine as being grossly unfair. He said that CBS considers the idea of a fine as patently ridiculous and that the company will take the matter into court if such a penalty is imposed. (Published news reports)

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ON THE AIR: SAN DIEGO'S 96.9 MHZ PIRATE REACTIVATES

According to a news bulletin from Chris Carmichael, San Diego's 96.9 MHz pirate is back on the air. No news on the location ofthe transmitter site. (CGC)

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RADIO LAW: HAWAII'S GOVERNOR VETOES AMATEUR RADIO ANTENNA BILLS BUT OVERICDE MIGHT BE ATTEMPTED

The ARRL Letter reports that Hawaii Governor Linda Lingle has vetoed two Amateur Radio antenna bills. Both pieces of legislation would have provided limited opportunities for amateurs living under private deed covenants, conditions and restrictions to erect antennas.

HB 2773 would have opened the door for amateurs living in condominiums to make arrangements with the homeowners' association board to install an antenna without having to change the CC&Rs. HB 2774 would have granted similar rights to the relatively few amateurs who live under CC&Rs in agricultural-zoned property.

Lingle, a Republican, invoked the same reason for refusing to sign both bills into law. She said that the bills were objectionable because they amount to an inappropriate and unacceptable governmental intrusion into the contractual affairs of the property owners.

But it may not be over yet. According to word from former Westlink News Production Coordinator Bill Orenstein, KH6QX, there is a move afoot to overide the Lingle veto in the Hawaii State legislasture. Orenstein, who now lives in Hawaii could not say when the overide action might take place or if it had any chance of success. (ARRL with additional information by KH6QX)

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HAM RADIO ON THE NET: HAMBLOG.COM

www.hamblog.com is a new weblog host exclusively for amateur radio operators.

What is a blog you ask? Simply, its a spot in cyberspace where people post their thoughts and ideas on just about any subject. Some blogs let you do just that while others like hamblog.com are targeted to a particular subject. In the case of hamblog.com its our hobby of Amateur Radio.

Charles Brabham, N5PVL, who administers hamblog.com says that hams have a lot of information to pass on to each other but traditional information systems such as magazine articles or speaking engagements at fests have proven to be unsuitable for. He says that Weblogs are highly flexible and highly individualistic and they hope that hamblog.com will provide a wellspring of knowledge about Amateur Radio that would be impossible to access or distribute by traditional methods.

Oh yes. Charles says that the service is free of charge so go check it out. The URL is simply www.hamblog.com (Via e-mail)

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HAM RADIO CONFERENCES: THE DCC IN IOWA IN SEPTEMBER

On the ham radio social scene, the 2004 joint TAPR and ARRL Digital Communications Conference will be held September 10th to the 12th. This, at the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines, Iowa.

As part of the program, confereence planners are now accepting papers for the published proceedings. Submission are due by August 10th and should be sent tyo Maty Weinberg, ARRL, 225 Main Street, Newington, Connecticut, 06111. You can also e-mail them to maty@arrl.org

And very important. You can even take part even if you cannot be there in person. Thats because you do not have to be present at the conference to have your paper included in the proceedings.

Again, thats the 2004 joint TAPR and ARRL Digital Communications Conference fropm September 10th to the 12th at the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines, Iowa. More information is on-line at www.tapr.org/dcc (VHF Reflector)

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This is ham radio news for today's radio amateur. From the United
States of America, We are the Amateur Radio Newsline with links to the world from our only official website at www.arnewsline.org and being relayed by the volunteer services of the following radio amateur:

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ARNEWSLINE™ SUPPORT FUND REPORT WITH N6TCQ

Ladies and gentlemen, once again with some thank-you's, here is Amateur Radio Newsline's Support Fund Administrator, Andy Jarema, N6TCQ.

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We'd like to take a moment to thank everyone who helped us during our June
campaign. We heard from Brian Boccardi, N2MPM of North Brunswick, NJ; Lloyd Smith, WA9NLA and the Peace River Radio Association of Port Charlotte, FL; Billy Bryant, Jr., of Harvey, LA; The Reading, PA Radio Club, W3BN; Eric Olena, WB3FPL of Mohnton, PA; monthly contributor Joseph Bartzi, Jr., KC8DKF of Columbus, OH; our friends at the Dayton Amateur Radio Association; Mark Otspaih, also from Dayton Ernest Clark in Greenwood, IN; and C. Mark Burlingame, KB9TVD of Northlake, IL

The boss said I only have about a minute, so we'll have to do the rest of the list next week. Thank you to everyone. A reminder that Newsline is a 501c 3 California non-profit corporation. Information on how to support us is on our website at www.arnewsline.org. That address will be repeated at the end of the newscast.

I'm Andy Jarema, N6TCQ.

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Thank you Andy. Now back to the news. (ARNewsline (tm) Support Fund)

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RADIO SAFETY: CELLPHONE TAKES BULLET AIMED AT SUBSCRIBER

A South African merchant says he owes his life to the Nokia cellphone he was holding to his ear when he was ambushed by someone in a passing car. Andre Steyn felt the bullet penetrate his hand, only to be stopped by the phone before it could penetrate his head. The entire story is on-line at www.mobilemonday.net/mm/story.php?story_id=3653 (CGC)

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RADIO ON THE ROAD: THE SHRINKING SYNDROME

If you are finding the size of your car and your mobile rig shrinking, you are not alone. According to Lee Cobb, W6TEE, writing in Worldradio Magazine, the actual size of automobiles has not changed much ion recent years, but the competition for space in front has. As a result, under dashboard mounting of gear is almost out of the question due to such amenities as consoles and such.

But fear not. Lee has some interesting notes on how to conquer the new car lack of space syndrome and ways her has found to get around the problem. You can read all about it on Lee's H-F Mobile column on
Page 31 of the August issue of Worldradio on newsstands right now. (ARNewsline (tm))

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HAM CONFERENCES: AMSAT-UK SPACE SYMPOSIUM

And AMSAT - UK is holding a Space Symposium at the University of Surrey from Friday the 30th of July to Sunday the 1st of August. On the Saturday there will be special beginners sessions run by Howard Long, G6LVB, aimed at those wishing to get into the fascinating world of amateur satellite communications. The RSGB GB4FUN van will be on site throughout the event. For booking information and full program details take your web browser to www.uk.amsat.org or contact Jim Heck by e-mail to g3wgm@amsat.org (AMSAT-UK)

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WORLDBEAT: DXPL NOW ON WRMI

Turning to news from around the world, this item for hams and SWL's
who listens to the D-X Party Line show. Allan Graham, who hosts the DX Party Line has announced that the show will now be carried by WRMI each Sunday at 0300 U-T-C. That's 11 PM Eastern and 8 PM on the West Coast on Saturday here in the U-S-A. The frequency to listen on is 7.385 MHz.

WRMI is oned by the Florida based Radio Miami International and is heard throughout the Americas -- from Alaska to Tierra del Fuego -- in English, Spanish and other languages. The new schedule for the DX Party Line was slated to begin on July 24th. (ASWLC)

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WORLDBEAT: SAQ NAMED WORLD HERIRTAGE STATION

SAQ, the Alexanderson alternator VLF transmitter at Grimeton in Sweden has been declared a World Heritage site by UNESCO. According to the RSGB News, the decision was made by the World Heritage Committee of UNESCO at a meeting near Shanghai in China on the 2nd of July.

S-A-Q continues to make occasional transmissions on 17.2 kHz on CW. The last one was on the 4th of July. (RSGB)

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ON THE AIR: NEW PROPAGATION BEACONS IN CM88

Some new propagation beacons to report. K7XC reports over the VHF Reflector that as of 05:00 U-T-C on July 19th the KJ6KO 2 meter, 1 and 1/4 meter and 70 centimeter beacons in grid square CM88 are all clearly audible at his home in Fallon Nevada. Thats grid DM09.

The new beacons operate on 144.282 at 40 watts into a pair of loop antennas. The 1 an d 1/4 meter unit is on 222.014 with 25 watts into two stacked loops and the 70 centimeter beacon runs 100 watts into four stacked loops on 432.292 Mhz. KJ6KO says that he would apreciate any Q-S-N reports. Send them to his Callbook address. (VHF Reflector)

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In D-X. word that members of the United Kingdoms Wrexham and District Amateur Radio Society will be operating from the Isle of Man froom September 1st through the 8th. The exact operating location will be Scarlett Point which isd a decomisdsioned Coast Guard look out tower, approximately 1.5 miles South of Castletown, Isle of Man. Operation will be on all High Frequency Bands, plus 50Mhz, 70Mhz, and 144Mhz, at full UK Power. The team is expected to operate on at least 2 H-F Bands simultaneously, and will be running CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK and some SSTV. More is on the teams website at www.gb4iom.co.uk (GB2RS)

Also word that Andorra is now on 6 meters. According to ON4IQ, Andorra has released the 6 meter band to all resident amateurs. He reports that C31JI and C31HK are both already active on the band. (GB2RS)

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THAT FINAL ITEM: SOMALIA GIVES HAM RADIO INCREASED POWER LIMITS

And finally this week, the ARRL Board Meeting was not the only place where things were ham radio changes were happening last week. Another was the nation of Somalia which has acted to grant its ham radio population a power increase to 3 kilowatts. Thats right. We said 3000 Watts and thats 3000 P-E-P for SSB and 3000 watts average for other modes. Somalia is also letting hams use of the 88 to 108 Mhz band for F-M and permitting Amateur Television broadcasts to be conducted on any unoccupied standard VHF or UHF television channel. WIA newscaster Graham Kemp, VK4BB, has more:

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Yes the Ministry of Information, Telecommunication and Culture in Somalia has made these changes and more as part of action to implement the W-R-C 2003 accords.

And the Ministry has also made additional frequency allocations for amateur radio experimenters in Somalia. Radio Amateurs in that nation can operate on additional bands including Zero to 9 Kilohertz, from 70 to 90 Kilohertz and 130 to 190 Kilohertz. On Medium Wave frequencies include 495 to 526 Kilohertz, while on the High Frequencies the hams of Somalia get 5.060 to 5.450 MHz and 26.100 to 29.700 MHz excluding 27.995 the sliver band from to 27.999.

This Ministry is promoting Somalia as the best holiday and research destination for visiting radio amateurs. This, as a way of attracting skilled people to help the local Somali people become ham radio operators. Abdikariim Ali Sulatn in Puntand State Somalia confirmed again that Aussie Amateur Sam Voron, 6OA, will continue to conduct ham radio license qualifying courses and issue amateur radio licenses free of charge "in the name of this Ministry" until a national Somali Amateur Radio Society is formed.

And, oh yes. If you are planning to go there, a Somali Visitors Amateur Radio License is now issued to any class of overseas amateur radio license holder as a courtesy. It is free of charge and issued for life unless canceled by the Somali Government. Talk about an inducement to visit a far off land.

Reporting for the Amateur Radio Newsline, I'm Graham Kemp, VK4BB, for
the WIA News, in Brisbane, Australia.

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According to a Somali spokesman, as of now, no other country provides radio amateurs with more frequencies or a higher transmitter power output. He added that Somalia welcomes visiting radio amateurs from throughout the world. (WIA News)

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